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3. German Patent Publication No. 35 04 137 A1 – An English language abstract of this document is enclosed.

4. Austrian Patent Publication No. 352 590 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 1 of the specification of the present application. This document also corresponds to U.S. 4,180,265 cited on Form PTO-SB-08.

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